

**Bifurcation of SAIL Plants**

483. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US consultancy firm Mckinsey has recommended the bifurcations of SAIL plants in two companies for long and flat products;

(b) whether his Ministry has accepted the said recommendations; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that neither his Ministry nor SAIL has made any techno-economical evolution before accepting the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) No, Sir. The US consultancy firm M/s Mckinsey & Co. has not recommended bifurcation of SAIL Plants into two separate companies.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

**Withdrawal of "Navaratna" Status of SAIL**

484. SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN A RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to withdraw the "Navratna" status conferred on SAIL;

(b) if so, the reasons for such withdrawal;

(c) whether the Group of Ministers which has been constituted to look into this has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, what are the recommendations of the Group of Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) to (d) Government had considered the proposal of Department of Public Enterprises outlining procedure for making addition/deletion to the list of Navratna / Miniratna Public Undertakings. It was decided that Group of Ministers may first take a view on this proposal who has not yet considered the same.

**Dismantling of RMD Division by SAIL**

485. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL has decided to dismantle its RMD division and transfer mines to different Steel Plants;